

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A write-on sheet protector, comprising:
  - an envelope having an outer surface and an inner surface and being formed of a transparent coextruded sheet material;
  - the sheet material comprising
    - a water-absorbent film layer having a 2-oxazoline polymer concentration of at least about 40% by weight,
    - a base layer, the base layer having a first side and a second side, the water-absorbent film layer overlying the first side of the base layer, and
    - a skin layer overlying the second side of the base layer;
  - the skin layer forming the inner surface of the envelope;
  - the water-absorbent film layer forming the outer surface of the envelope;
  - the outer surface of the envelope being an ink receptive surface.
2. (Original) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the envelope is formed from one sheet of the sheet material, the sheet material being folded over to form one sealed edge of the envelope, the sheet material being sealed along two additional edges of the envelope, one edge of the envelope being open.
3. (Original) The sheet material of claim 1 wherein the envelope is formed from two overlying sheets of the sheet material, the two sheets of sheet material being sealed along three edges to form the envelope, one edge of the envelope being open.
4. (Original) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the envelope has three sealed edges and the sheet protector further comprises a reinforcing strip mounted on one of the sealed edges.
5. (Original) The sheet protector of claim 4 wherein the sheet protector further comprises one or more holes in the reinforcing strip for mounting the sheet protector in a ringed binder.

6. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the sheet protector further comprises a tie layer positioned between the water-absorbent film layer and the base layer.

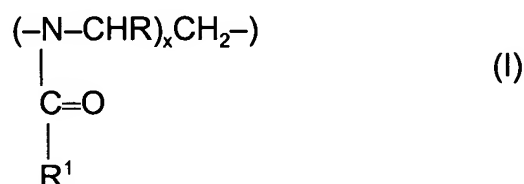
7. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein a tie layer is positioned between the water-absorbent film layer and the base layer, and a skin layer overlies the second side of the base layer.

8. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein a skin layer overlies the second side of the base layer, and an adhesive layer overlies the skin layer.

9. (New) The sheet protector of claim 8 wherein the adhesive layer is comprised of a pressure sensitive adhesive, and a release liner overlies the pressure sensitive adhesive.

10. (New) The sheet protector of claim 9 wherein the release liner is comprised of a release coating and a backing liner, the release coating being positioned between the pressure sensitive adhesive and the backing liner.

11. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the 2-oxazoline polymer contains repeating units represented by the formula:



wherein: R is hydrogen or an alkyl group of 1 to about 4 carbon atoms; R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen, a phenyl group or an alkyl group of 1 to about 4 carbon atoms; and x is 1 or 2.

12. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the 2-oxazoline polymer is poly(2-ethyl-2-oxazoline).

13. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the water-absorbent film layer further comprises at least one additional water-soluble polymer.

14. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the water-absorbent film layer further comprises at least one water-insoluble polymer.

15. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the water-absorbent film layer further comprises at least one compatibilizing agent.

16. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the base layer comprises a single-layered construction.

17. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the base layer comprises a multi-layered construction.

18. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the base layer comprises foil, paper, polymer film, textile, or a combination thereof.

19. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the base layer is comprised of a polymeric film.

20. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the base layer is comprised of a multi-layered polymeric film.

21. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the water-absorbent film layer and the base layer are comprised of a coextrudate.

22. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the skin layer is comprised of a heat-activatable adhesive material, a thermoplastic film-forming material, or a mixture thereof.

23. (New) The sheet protector of claim 22 wherein the heat-activatable adhesive is a polymer containing carbonyl groups, hydroxyl groups, or a combination of carbonyl and hydroxyl groups.

24. (New) The sheet protector of claim 22 wherein the heat-activatable adhesive material is a polyamide, a polyester copolymer, an ionomer based on sodium or zinc salts of ethylene methacrylic acid, a polyacrylonitrile, an ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, an ethylene methacrylic acid copolymer, an ethylene methylacrylate copolymer, an ethylene acrylic acid copolymer, an ethylene ethyl acrylate copolymer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

25. (New) The sheet protector of claim 22 wherein the thermoplastic film-forming material is a polymer or copolymer of an olefin monomer.

26. (New) The sheet protector of claim 22 wherein the thermoplastic film-forming material is comprised of polypropylene or a copolymer of ethylene and propylene.

27. (New) The sheet protector of claim 1 wherein the skin layer is comprised of a mixture of polypropylene and ethylene methylacrylate copolymer.

28. (New) The sheet protector of claim 6 wherein the tie layer is comprised of a heat-activatable adhesive material, or a mixture of a heat-activatable adhesive material and a thermoplastic film-forming material.

29. (New) The sheet protector of claim 28 wherein the heat-activatable adhesive material is a polymer containing carbonyl, hydroxyl groups, or a combination of carbonyl and hydroxyl groups.

30. (New) The sheet protector of claim 28 wherein the heat-activatable adhesive material is a polyamide, a polyester copolymer, an ionomer based on sodium or zinc salts of ethylene methacrylic acid, a polyacrylonitrile, an ethylene vinyl acetate copolymer, an

ethylene methacrylic acid copolymer, an ethylene methylacrylate copolymer, an ethylene acrylic acid copolymer, an ethylene ethyl acrylate copolymer, or a mixture of two or more thereof.

31. (New) The sheet protector of claim 28 wherein the thermoplastic film-forming material is a polymer or copolymer of an olefin monomer.

32. (New) The sheet protector of claim 28 wherein the thermoplastic film-forming material is comprised of polypropylene or a copolymer of ethylene and propylene.

33. (New) The sheet protector of claim 6 wherein the tie layer is comprised of a mixture of polypropylene and ethylene methylacrylate copolymer.